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# Gov't seeks MILF help to free priest

By Julia Aguilas  
and Edwin O. Fernandez  
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—EDWARD BUSH, priest of the Holy Spirit, may be injured and has been carried over to a commander of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Lanaso del Norte by his captors, officials said yesterday.

The government asked the MILF to

## It's Gibo by a mile in House mock polls



By Gil C. Cabanogon Jr.

A MOCK POLL AMONG congressmen ended up, well, mocking an earlier claim by one of their peers as to the candidate they would

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# Noynoy tops SWS poll; Manny 2nd, Erap 3rd, Chiz 4th

A MAJORITY OF FILIPINO voters believe that opposition Sen. Benigno "Noyoy" Aquino III should replace President Manuel "Erap" Arroyo in 2010, results of a nationwide survey conducted by Social Weather Stations from Sept. 18 to 21 showed.

Thirty percent of 1,800 respondents mentioned Aquino after being asked: "Who do you

think are good leaders who should succeed President Arroyo as President?" Respondents were allowed to give up to three names.

Sen. Manuel "Erap" Villar, who was in the lead in opinion polls before Aquino announced his candidacy, was second with 27 percent, up from 13 percent in June.



NOYNOY: 41%



AQUINO: 41%



VILLAR: 27%



ESTRADA: 19%

ESGUERRA: 15%

# Dam managers called liars

## Senate seeks clear rules on water release, warning

By Michael Lim Ulloa

AMID FINGER-POINTING, A SENATE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY agreed to help craft a protocol in releasing excess water from dams following the incessant rain and devastating flooding that last week submerged 38 towns and cities in Pangasinan.

The consensus was reached during a public hearing in which angry local executives bled off with officials of the San Roque Dam and its owner, National Power Corp. (Nepco), who maintained that the dam was not the cause of the flooding.

"It is given through fate — or we have paid out to deliver personally the message. This time, the message was (not through) fate," said Nepco chief hydrologist Roderic Rigor, who added that the warning was issued as

early as 4 p.m. on Oct. 8, eight hours before the water release.

Rigor, however, asked if Rigor knew the fax number of all congressional and provincial halls in Pangasinan.

"The gates from Nepco said they were in the fax, isn't it? The fax have a fax number, (Disaster Coordinating Council)? Do you have the fax number of Alcala, Villasis—the mayors are here now?" Aquino asked.

Rigor claimed that Nepco had set up 17 fixed warning stations around San Roque Dam, which involves "warning residents" before spillway gates are opened.

Rigor said he was with mayors of

DAN PAGASINAN AND

## AGNO RIVER BASIN

The 221 kilometer Agno River runs through the towns of San Manuel and San Mateo in Pangasinan, and flows in Benguet, and overflows during rainy season, often affecting 16 Pangasinan towns.

### Antukin Dam

San Manuel, Benguet

135 meters high and 452 meters long

—Built in the 1950s and is now primarily used for hydroelectric power generation.

It has an installed capacity of 15 MW and energy capability of 400 GWh. Its maximum

discharge is 732 meters above sea level. Its reservoir has a gross storage capacity of 217 million cubic meters.

### Binga Dam

Binga, Benguet

137 meters high and 215 meters long

—Started operation in 1960. Now serves mainly as a hydroelectric power generation, with an installed capacity of 100 MW and energy capacity of 376 GWh. It has a maximum

discharge of 575 meters above sea level. Its reservoir has a gross storage capacity of 87.4 million cubic meters.

### San Roque Dam

San Roque, San Manuel, Pangasinan

The San Roque Multipurpose Dam is 228 meters high and 1,130 meters long. It is used for power generation (installed capacity: 240 MW), irrigation (12,000 hectare) in Pangasinan, and flood control. Captures runoff water from the Comblang and Liliang rivers while releasing it to the Agno River and Benguet. Its maximum

discharge is 200 meters above sea level.



Out of rubble, a stuffed toy, loyal cat, poem, photos, memories

By Vincent Calvera,  
Denise Calvera,  
and Yolanda Sotelo  
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE road and debris that claimed hundreds of lives last week when the same subsided by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" swept mountainside here and inundated towns in Pangasinan and La Union are now dispersing memories and memories.

On Oct. 5, rescue workers dug out "Mister Man"—a banana-shaped stuffed toy that served as 5-year-old Ruff Gutierrez's pal and confidante.

The bodies of Ruff and his parents were found under a mountain of mud that buried their house in Sitio Eastern Benguet in La Trinidad.

Ruff's grieving life asked cancer-ridden mothers to find them. Mrs. Wilma, the boy's mother, was found, was cleaned up, and tucked in the boy's arms, according to his grandmother Ylida da Dulacra.

It will be buried with him, she said.

A mother away in the community of Liliang, where a landslide killed 73 people while they were sleeping, survivors and their relatives took leave in a mother's journal that was recovered from the debris.

Radicaly Abbie, a junior at Benguet National High School, had a poem along with her thoughts in the journal, which served as her class exercise in

OUT OF RUBBLE: A11

## Laguna floods seen to last 4 to 5 months

By Christine O. Arendele

IT WILL TAKE FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS before floodwaters could be drained from areas at the fringes of Laguna Lake inundated three weeks ago by Tropical Storm "Ondoy," Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) General Manager Rogelio Manalo said yesterday.

The drying up of a century of the former construction as climate change, Manalo said that about 2.5 billion cubic meters of floodwater had to be taken out of Montalupa City, Tagaytay City and the towns of Paete, Taytay and Sta. Cruz.

"It would take as fast to five months before the last volume of water can be taken out from the lake," he

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## 'Adopt a school'

STARTING TODAY, the houses will replace the list of Metro Manila schools in every city and municipality affected by Tropical Storm "Ondoy," each one with their specific damages. The house is hoped that beneficiaries will prior to help meet the urgent needs of these places of learning for the nation's children.

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# Pagasa warns of more rains, landslides, flash floods

By Alvin Papa in Manila  
and Rep. PL Nolasco Inquirer S. Luzon

A LOW-PRESSURE AREA OVER Mindanao is dumping rains over a large part of Luzon, including Metro Manila and the Visayas, prompting the weather of-

der to advise residents to watch out for possible landslides and flash floods.

As of 9 p.m. yesterday, the low-pressure area was spaced 200 kilometers west of Puerto Princesa in Palawan.

The low-pressure area, a weaker form of a tropical storm, is bringing rain over

the metropolis, parts of Central Luzon, Southern Luzon and the Visayas, said National Gas, deputy administrator for operations of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

The Crisis assured the public that the

rains would not be as heavy as those brought by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" on Sept. 26.

Northern Luzon won't be affected but the Mind Region and Southern Luzon, including Metro Manila, and the

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# RP to issue reconstruction bonds worth P50B

By Amy R. Remo and TJ Bargarina

THE PHILIPPINES IS RAISING FUNDS from an issue of P50 billion worth of reconstruction bonds and from foreign loans and grants to rebuild areas hit by the typhoon, President

Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

"We may issue reconstruction bonds, whether peso or dollar, to which the beneficiaries such as the World Bank and the ADB (Asian Development Bank) may subscribe to," the President said at the "Mid-year Phil-

ippine Economic Briefing" at the Shangri-La Hotel in Manila.

The said commercial bondings should be the low financing option.

Mr. Arroyo did not indicate how much the government wanted to raise from the reconstruction bonds to be is-

sued by state-owned National Development Corp. (NSDC), her Trade Secretary Tita said on the sidelines of the briefing that the bonds would be worth P50 billion.

He said the reconstruction bonds

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# Death toll now 74

Four of Councilor Alfonso B. may Jr., are involved by the Association of Death and Disaster of America, which said some reached La Trinidad at 6:30 on Tuesday and were immediately and later.

Police and Customs rescued the bodies of the victims and the bodies were placed in the immediately placed markers in

indicate the site," Bana said.

## Unlabeled body found

According to the official description, the body of Councilor Bana, who had been missing for 10 days, was found near the site of the landslide. "We will remain here until the body is found," Bana said, adding that he was Bana who had been the deputy and 34 more men members at Bana's way of helping the landslide and Bana victims in La Trinidad.

## RETRIEVED MEMORIES

A rescue (as left) body photograph previous victims displaced Bana family in La Trinidad, Benguet. The community was virtually wiped out by a landslide that struck in the dead of night on Oct. 4.

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about what they lost in the tragedy, Bana said.

"The victims were greatly shocked, angry and social workers together on how well children can adjust to trauma," because the children who no longer have their [grandmothers] would be the first to move on from the victims," Bana said.

A 15-year-old boy admitted that when his father rescued him in the landslide, he was the last to see his father. He ended up grabbing an umbrella before he knew his father.

"I asked him why he did not stop for his father to see him," Bana said.

## Gratitude, guilt

Many children who shared their thoughts in the disaster admitted feeling a mixture of love, gratitude and guilt.

One of the victims said he was not sure why he did not stop for his father to see him. He ended up grabbing an umbrella before he knew his father.

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# bonds worth P50B

economic indicators, which leverage investment, credit and credit rating firms consider in assessing a country's creditworthiness.

The Department of Finance and the national government was allowing its budget deficit to fall below P500 billion this year given the need to ramp up the economy.

Even as the deficit cutting could be increased, noting that the budget gap could reach P500 billion this year. The deficit was only at P46.1 billion last year.

Concessional loans

Agree how loans, the government would resort to concessional loans to fund the reconstruction, Bana said.

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and negotiating leading to Copenhagen," the said, referring to the climate change summit in Copenhagen (Denmark).

She noted that the Philippine was being cited as proof in the need for adaptation financing.

## Climate change law

Ms. Arroyo is convening the legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (Edu) today to introduce a climate change law in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

She said she would sign the law on Oct. 20, a climate change bill establishing a climate change commission that would draw up and implement a comprehensive plan to mitigate and adapt to the effects of global warming.

"We're not a subject in climate change, contributing only less than 1 percent to global warming," Ms. Arroyo said.

Nonetheless, the Philippines is second only to the United States in terms of climate change because of its location. With a report from Reuters

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# INQUIRER Southern Luzon

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## Weighing the costs of dredging the lake

By Gloria Celina Pulido  
and Karen E. Lapitan  
Los Banos, Laguna

**E**NVIRONMENTAL, economic and agricultural engineering experts believe dredging can solve the rising water level of Laguna Lake but consequences must be weighed.

Dr. Maureen Zabalza, a professor of environmental science at the University of the Philippines-Batangas (UPB), and although she has opposed the dredging of the lake since the 1970s, recent literature has shown that if lake water is dewatered, all water and economic activities at the bottom of the lake would also be dewatered, posing a health hazard.

For land and water resources expert Dr. Victor Ebra of the Institute of Agricultural Engineering, UPB, dredging can lower the lake's water level at a lesser price but it should be part of a comprehensive plan that includes the management of wastewater coming in.

### Heavy metals

Zabalza has been conducting studies regarding the state of the Laguna Lake based on its environment since the 1970s.

She was also part of the team that formed a preliminary assessment on the lake in 1985.

"If we can't solve the problem that had been deposited in the lake for years, even the economic activities may be transformed into something else," she said.

Possible effects of dredging include the reduction of fish catch, release of toxic substances, and removal of the heavy metals present in the lake may be dewatered and released in surrounding areas.

"Dredging can make heavy metals available and maybe absorbed by algae, algae is eaten by fish, fish is eaten by man. It can be transferred to man and could pose a danger to health," Zabalza said.

Heavy metals that have been released in the lake are mercury, cadmium and lead which are harmful to humans and can even be carcinogenic, she said.

She also said that the cost of the dredging and for how long it



THE REMEDIATION OF Laguna Lake is making experts here to dredging is a solution to partly solve the flooding along villages around the lake.

will be because it will be a virgin ecosystem for us, but all parts of the lake ecosystem will be affected," she said.

Zabalza cited a study of the dredging of a lake in China that changed the water chemistry and composition of algae growing in the lake.

However, study showed that dredging may alleviate the problem only for a short time and return if the study of pollutants in the lake are not controlled.

### Public information

"I oppose dredging but the public will have to be informed of possible consequences," she said.

Zabalza said the best she wanted out during a conference on the Laguna Lake, Science, Technology Forum "Global" network that people should be informed of how many people of the area their place would be transformed.

"Government agencies would have already drawn a topographic map of which areas would

be the most severely inundated and would be the first to be inundated. There is available data, it should be published," she said.

"The government should in fact, people - every municipality should have a map showing the probability of inundation depending on the amount of rainfall."

A study Zabalza did in 1977 showed water hyacinth growth in the lake.

"Water hyacinth and other weeds will, and when it does, it contributes to natural oxidation of the lakebed, thus, growth shows which areas are best to go shallow first."

### Watershed

In the map showing results, areas with high flooding risk would be seen at the Marikina, Marikina and Laguna's coastal areas which includes the towns of Sta. Cruz and Malabon.

She noted that these were among the areas hardest hit by the overflowing lake during the dry

season. She noted that overflowing of the lake into dry to extreme rainfall, but also believed it was a combination of different factors. It doesn't mean that the growth of water hyacinth, land cover and loss of forest.

"Dredging is partly the effect of long-term deposition of sediments due to why the lake has become very shallow."

He said dredging is a good strategy to remove sediments and increase the water capacity of the lake but it was aimed at its feasibility because it will take a long time.

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meeting solution - a connection between Laguna Lake and Manila Bay. There is a canal to connect across water from Laguna Lake.

He suggested the creation of a hydrologic model for watershed surrounding the lake to be able to use and predict the effects of land use change and climate change on runoff and sediment. A hydrologic model is a computer simulation model that mathematically represents the various hydrologic processes like runoff, evapotranspiration, infiltration, precipitation, groundwater flow, erosion, etc., that take place in a watershed in response to rainfall.

### Disposal

Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) general manager Isidoro Mendiola said they were still in the process of planning the long-term dredging of Laguna Lake.

He stated, however, that the agency plans to dredge the Napituran Channel first as it would help subside the flood around areas near the lake.

He said the dredging should be done regularly.

"LLDA will be responsible for the scientific aspect of the lake's dredging, but the actual dredging will be done with the help of DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways)," Mendiola said.

LLDA was still looking to find a long-term dredging, he added.

He said dredging would be one of the best ways of preventing excessive flooding.

"We have heavy rainfall and rain would be the lake, the proper disposal will also be part of our plan. People do not have to worry about the lands, but we will be sure that we will carefully plan its disposal," Mendiola said.

He said an agency's reports were looking into the best ways to handle these harmful natural resources of the lake.

After the the sediment accumulated in the lake, the problem of dredging should also be addressed, according to him. He said that the people living around the lake have been aware of the danger of dredging the channels where water would flow freely.

"But it's the solution in the dredging that should be considered," he said. "The government must be involved," he said.

## Flood hurts Calamba City resort industry

By Maricel Gato  
Calamba City

**T**HE NORMALLY lively village of Purok here of pool again, parked cars and neighboring villages are suffering. But because a storm, empty place full of water.

"It has not only affected the pool owners, but also the pool owners, out from them (pool owners), even we have no visitors - every body," said Ramon, owner of the Villa del Rio.

Purok is a tourist destination known since the 1970s for its hot spring resorts. The village alone has the most number of pool facilities in the city with about 700 resorts.

But in the aftermath of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" more than two weeks ago, only 200 people pool money were affected in the area of Purok. This does not mean that the area has not been affected by the damage to the facilities in their facilities.

### No income

Mayor Cesar and village councilor Rogelio Montalvo said the flood had cost P30,000 worth of damages to his property.

"I was able to save the vehicles, but I had to ask people



Some resorts in Barangay Purok, Calamba City are filled with floodwaters and resources.

to drive (into the flood) to save the machines. We still have to bring and dry them up," he said. He owns Villa Purok.

It has been reported since 2000, "It's not only me, almost all resorts were affected," he said.

A general pool owner said P30,000 to P50,000 a week. Local residents said that during the month of September.

have no income. Calamba and pool owners are in worse situation," Montalvo said.

Calamba's pool P30,000 a month said 10 percent compensation for every owner of the pools. In 2000 again, nearly 300 pools were closed for 30 to 40 percent of the amount paid by the guests.

There are 1,000 pool owners in Calamba.

Though they were threatened by the flood, some resort owners have taken to the streets.

While the neighbors were packing because of the rising flood, some owners were going to the streets to look for help.

"I started to look at around 11:00 p.m. on Sept. 26," he said.

Some resorts were closed for a week from the rain.

He said all the flood victims were in the flood victims.

"We were in the flood victims. We were in the flood victims. We were in the flood victims."

"The owner allowed us to stay here, in fact, everybody looks after the victims," said Montalvo.

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some, you will see that there are some very hungry," said Montalvo.

There was still no power in Purok 5, the flood hit area in Purok and around in the Laguna area.

### Optimism

Though heavy rain has caused flood victims, the impact of flood victims. Flood victims would be the best in being and pick up their children from school or other places where they are staying in the city, Landa described.

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# SPORTS

## Kings, Aces post routs

### Miller triple double highlights Alaska win

By Marissa R. Castillo

BERNARDY GUINERA (CNS) PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Mark Capone, who led the Alaska Aces to a 100-84 victory over the United States 84-84, gave a jump on his way to the hoop for the defense of Mark Barban (right) and Reynaldo Pineda of Alaska.

powerhouse because it was what he considered as the first step in the young BPC-PBA Philippine Cup in the season's second round. "It's not a very, big jump, but it was a jump because he is today's game, he will get to where he wants to be," Uicker said of Capone, who was not with the team when it lost Game 7 of the FIBA Cup Finals to the Revolutionaries on Sunday.

go to 100 percent in the second game. In the first game, Miller added triple to a victory that made the Aces into a "no name" and improved the season's first triple double in the history of the Alaska Aces in a 100-84 rout of the United States.

"They have everything in a game and nothing to lose," Capone said of the United States. "I was very happy," Miller, winner of two MVP awards, said after the game.

"When I landed after coming from China, I knew the FIBA Asia qualifying with the Philippines team," Miller said. "I was still with Alaska. I was very happy," Miller, winner of two MVP awards, said after the game.

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## ASEAN HOOPS

### RP Patriots face tough Slingers

By Marissa R. Castillo

THE PHILIPPINE BARBERS PLAYED FOR their first game since the opening of the Asian Basketball League (ABL) International Championship last Sunday in Indonesia.

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# Mustangs, Dolphins sink Visayas regional foes

**By Correll T. Tapas**

**DAVAO CITY**—FAVORITE WEST Negros University and John B. Lamon Maritime Foundation of Iloilo continued its headlined victories Tuesday night as the star of the Visayas regional finals of the Philippine Collegiate Championship League (PCCCL) at the NWC Ops. The Mustangs proved too strong for Sanikolas University-Leyte College, dominating on its offensive 181-53 victory after the Dolphins conventional Sanikolas (10th place) University (71-43).

Taking advantage of their height and built, the Mustangs, who claimed an 11th straight PCCCL crown, dominated Pilosano Islands Sports Club and

Educational Association (PCCCL). CBA) comes recently, Davao may be the second best in the country. The Dolphins and forward Mike Nolasco (20 points).

Point guards Mike Nolasco and Jeff Jaramba combined for 24 points apiece for the Mustangs, who ruled the Sanikolas elimination round last year.

School President and Vice President Ed De La Cruz's balanced game with 14 points.

Western Leyte College dominated Sanikolas University with a 75-51 victory, while Sanikolas University of Iloilo, who coached out by Leyte College, 34-26.

MLAP and NWC were to play for

the top spot in group 3 yesterday before the NWC-BE 62 that will decide the No. 1 team from group 3.

The Mustangs began the PCCCL-CEA championship with a 96-40 triumph over the College San Agustin-Banlaig College last Monday at the latter gym.

**On to Cebu finals**

The winner of the Visayas championship will advance to the round robin in Cebu, where Mustangs champion San Sebastian College, Adaram (FAPF-9th place), Sanikolas University (NCAA 10th place) and newly crowned Iloilo champion Sanikolas University of Iloilo are also competing.

The second to fourth places in the

Cebu Schools Athletic Foundation Inc. (CSAF) comprise the eight teams coming to this leg, where the top four will make the finals. In the national championship, led by Saint Louis and PLDT.

**Sweet 16 qualifiers**

Already secured of spots in the Sweet 16 are UNAP champion Ateneo, SANAP leading Sanikolas University of the East and Sanikolas University of the East. Also clinching outright berth are NCAA Final Four champions Sanikolas University of Iloilo and LNU.

The La Salle University has secured its berth in last year's finals of the national basketball tournament.

# Tigresses down Lady Tamaraws

## Grab Shakey's V-League solo lead

**By Jane Marana**

**UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS-BUCKINGHAM** (Shakey's) women's basketball team, 27-25, 26-26, 27-22, 29-17, to grab the solo lead Sunday night in the second round of the Shakey's V-League Season 6 at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasig.

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**Lady Shakey in the Finals of the first round**

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LICUANT PABLO Tamaraws (left) and Lady Shakey (right) in action during their match Tuesday at the SM Mall of Asia. The Lady Tamaraws prevailed, 25-26, 26-26, 27-22, 29-17.

# Miriam, UST, AUF tossers sweep foes

**MIRIAM BARANCO** of the HEROES at Rizal Republic, 25-26, 26-26, 27-22, 29-17, to grab the solo lead Sunday night in the second round of the Shakey's V-League Season 6 at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasig.

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# Tokyo netters rip Archers

**By Marc Anthony Reyes**

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## 3-year Smart Gilas stint for Japeth

PEOPLE ARE GETTING A BIT DIZZY and confused. They'd like to know more and for all manner which the game plan for the 2010 top draft pick Japeth Aguilar, after finally signed up with Burger King after holding out for several months.

Aguilar played only one game with the Philippines. The lack of his BE (Burger King) jersey didn't seem to be a problem with Japeth's signing up with Talk 'N Text.

But the jersey and logo will be ready by the time the 2010 season starts.

After the signing of the longest 2010 season, there seems to be a new development in Japeth's career. The former top draft pick is expected to be the 2010-2011 season's MVP. He is expected to be the national team's star player, as he has been in the past.

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2010-2011 season's MVP Japeth Aguilar.

# Lions wrest top spot from Stags

By Joanne W. Park

**MAN BEES PRACTICALLY BENDERED** as the Lions' record-breaking win over the Stags.

The Red Sox applied the Stags from the top of the first run with a 7-0 victory in the first round of the NLCS.

"You can't put it all in the first three innings," said coach Pedro Martinez, who led the Stags to their first win in the NLCS.

But the Stags' pitching staff was the key to their win. The Stags' pitching staff was the key to their win.

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After the Stags' win, the Lions' record-breaking win over the Stags.

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## Ravena wrest national five to Fiba Asia U-16

By Joanne W. Park

**NON-CONFORMING TALENTS** led by Ravena's MVP, the team's star player, as he has been in the past.

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## Aguilar as a willing victim

By Joanne W. Park

**BARBIE** was the victim of a prank by the Stags' MVP, the team's star player, as he has been in the past.

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## Multidistance Timex Run hits road Nov. 15 at Global

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## DID YOU KNOW

ON OCT. 14, 1945, people gathered in front of the Legislative Building in Manila for the declaration of the termination of the Japanese Military Administration in the Philippines and the country's supposed independence.

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# Leptospirosis cases reach over 700

## Most patients from Marikina, Mandaluyong, Pasay, Pasig, Rizal

By Dana T. Paribaguan

MORE THAN 700 CASES OF LEPTOSPIROSIS have been reported in four government hospitals with more people suspected of having contracted the potentially fatal disease coming in every day.

Of the total number of cases, there were 39 fatalities. As of noon today there were 734 suspected cases at San Lazaro Hospital (SLH) in Manila with 25 deaths recorded while East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) in Quezon City reported 166 cases with 17 fatalities.

Another government hospital in Quezon City, Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC), recorded more than 500 cases while there were 70 patients confirmed at Philippine General

hospital. They were treating for the disease have been confirmed at the hospital since Oct. 1.

"We're now attending cases of individuals who were exposed even to their number up to floods caused by Typhoon 'Ola' we did not expect the surge in the number of cases, that we're not having many deaths," he said at a forum organized by the Philippine College of Physicians yesterday.

Isabelle said the hospital had run out of beds and turning her although the supply of medicines, particularly antibiotics, was still sufficient.

"The supply of penicillin is adequate but we lack enough beds. In San Lazaro, all the wards and the hallway are being used and the hallway are being used."

LEPTOSPIROSIS



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A woman diagnosed with her cat perched on her shoulder is an emotional center for victims of "Hospital Storm 'Ola'." In Spring, 2009.

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# NBI sets up bomb display to educate agents, probers

By The G. Santos

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF Investigation (NBI) has set up a display of bombs and incendiary explosive devices (IEDs) to educate its agents on the bomb-signatures of various terrorist groups.

Laverio Fernando-Ortiz, chief of the NBI counter-terrorism unit (CTU), said the display was among the programs the bureau has implemented to enhance its operational readiness in investigating and countering terrorism.

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The bomb signature would enable us to know if a particular incident is in the hands of the Revolutionary Group or Islamic Movement and other terrorist groups in order to neutralize them," Ortiz said. "The aim of this bomb and IED display is

educational so that in instances of confronting investigation to solving terrorism."

Agents from both the NBI and the local bomb agencies, the exhibit is also expected to increase their knowledge of the mechanisms of various bombs and IEDs, he added.

The NBI official said they have a lot of catching up to do with international terrorism when it comes to recognizing their know-how in bombs and explosives.

According to Ortiz, the display, which will remain intact until the end of the CTU office, includes bombs and IEDs which were used in evidence in cases that have been handled in the past few years.

"We have clearing up more than 100 cases in the recent past," he said. "We also have pipe bombs, timers and wires, among many others," he said.



**OUTDOOR LEARNING**  
Public school teachers conduct classroom for "Gedney" students at an outdoor center in Pinar City.

# Cops raid house used by drug gang

By Maribel Ramos

THREE PHONES, INCLUDING two Chinese nationals, were seized yesterday by anti-drug agents during a raid on a house in Pinar City which was allegedly being used as a "drop-off" point by a drug gang.

Agent Tack, Alfredo Velasco,

city police chief, said the raid on a two-story house at 5404-Correo 11, Santiago B. Calvo, Pinar City, yielded a cell phone and a small amount of cash.

He said the raiding team recovered a small plastic bag containing white powder, one of the items in the raid.

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Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) arrested the house at around 11 p.m. on the strength of a warrant issued by the court.

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drop-off point by suspected drug peddlers," he said in a statement after the raid.

"It appeared that the house being used by the gang was a drop-off point for the items in the raid," he said.

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both Chinese.

After arrested was Federico Martinez Gomez, a Filipino and the group's "boss" or "leader," he said.

According to Velasco, the raid was conducted after SOTF agents placed the house under surveillance for months.

# Life's great lessons not learned in classrooms

By The G. Santos

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**ON TARGET**  
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# Free showing of 'green' films for students

By Margaret C. Davis

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WALL AND OTHERS will be the streets of Pinar City. The 100 cases of leptospirosis have been reported so far.





# The World

Editor Lawrence B. Gueco

## UN: World hunger rising

ROME—EVEN BEFORE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS pushed the ranks of the world's hungry to a record 1 billion, declining aid and investment in agriculture had been steadily increasing the number of undernourished people for more than a decade, a United Nations food agency said on Wednesday.

Unless donor trends are reversed, additional gains set by the international community to slash the number of hungry people by 2015 will not be met, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned in a report.

After gains in the fight against hunger in the 1990s and early 2000s, the number of undernourished people started climbing in 2003, reaching 1.02 billion this year under the combined effect of high food prices and the global financial downturn, the agency said. The figure topped the 7-billion mark in June, and

was 963 million a year ago.

The blame for the long-term trend runs largely on the reduced share of aid and private investments committed for agriculture over recent years, the Rome-based agency said in its latest of Food Security reports for 2007.

"In the fight against hunger the focus should be on increasing food production," FAO Director General Jacques Diouf said. "It's common sense... that agriculture would be given the priority that the opposite has happened."

In 2006, 17 percent of aid continued to finance countries' shifts to agriculture. That share was down to 15 percent in 2006 and only slightly improved in the last three years, Diouf said in an interview with AP television from Rome.

The decline may have been caused by low food prices that discouraged investment in agriculture and competition for funds from other aid fields including emergency relief, debt reduction and population control, said FAO economist David Davis.

Against the backdrop of this trend, the world's hungry were hit with a double blow recently. First, soaring prices for food staples in 2007 sent 2006 record grain harvests to sell their harvests at a loss and cut down on meals, health and education spending.

Although the inflated prices

—which soared due across the globe but grew—have subsided, they remain comparatively high, especially in the developing world, Diouf said.

In the meantime, the world economy is in a tightening grip, reducing countries that immigrants send back home and making it difficult for poor countries to get credit lines to buy food on the market, Diouf said.

Thirty countries now require emergency food assistance, including 20 in Africa.

The FAO announced in June that the number of hungry people had reached 1 billion, or one in six of the world's population. The world's most populous regions, Asia and the Pacific, has the largest number of hungry people—642 million, followed by Latin America and Africa with 263 million. AP



THE NUMBER of undernourished people, like this boy at a feeding center in Ethiopia, has been climbing since 1991 due to high food prices and the global economic crisis.



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— Lea Salonga

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Filipino American Actor/Psychic Linka or better known as APL DE AP of the Grammy Award-winning group, Black Eyed Peas, is set to give back to the Philippines in an exclusive charity gig at SM City North Edsa.

Jeepney Music and Glacinda gave their time and effort to make this benefit concert possible, where all proceeds go to the APL Foundation where everything goes to the victims of Typhoon Dolly and Pepeng.

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# BUSINESS

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## Economy seen to weather twin storms

### Gov't maintains '09 deficit ceiling despite fiscal setbacks

By Rosal P. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT IS STICKING TO ITS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) growth target for 2009 of between 0.9 percent and 1.8 percent, although estimates on the damage from the recent twin storms indicate a growth setback of at least 0.4 percent.

Augusto B. Santos, director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, said during the latest of regular briefings by economic managers held yesterday that Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and typhoon "Ketsana" cost at least P15.6-billion, but that the figure was still to be updated.

"The total damage could be as much

as 1.4 percent of GDP," he said, referring to the total value of goods and services produced and consumed within the country.

"But there are insurance factors that make the economic outlook, such as (Ondoy's) consequences, could remain, and low inflation and higher shares

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### Exports may fall by 30%

By Michelle K. Rane

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SCALD down its exports outlook for the year in view of the sharp decline in global demand for electronics.

From an earlier projection of a 13- to 15-percent decline, the government said the contraction could be bigger at 30 percent.

Benigno Serrano, Philippine Com-

merce Secretary, said the projection had to be updated to reflect the trends seen after the peak of the global economic turmoil.

The National Statistics Office reported the other day that exports for the first eight months amounted to \$294 billion, down 30.3 percent from \$394.45 billion in the same period last year.

The double-digit decline was driven

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Figures that matter in our nation's life

#### Aircraft pilots among highest paid workers in RP (2008)

Aircraft pilots, navigators and flight engineers have the highest monthly wages rate of P776,167. Single source includes bonus pay and regular cost-of-living allowance.



Source: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics. Data provided by Inquirer. (Note: Figures are in Philippine pesos.)



**Shares close flat**  
 (MARKET) PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE (PSE) closed flat yesterday at 10,000.00 points, up 0.10 percent, or 10.00 points, from 9,990.00 points, at 3:30 p.m. (PST). (Source: PSE)

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# Oil hits new '09 high on economy hopes, dollar

## Crude prices surge to \$75.12/bbl

## China, India seen leading growth in Asia

**HONG KONG—ASIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY** is seen leading faster than elsewhere in Asia, with China set to reach nearly 8 percent growth, target that year and expand 9 percent in 2008, while India expects Singapore and Taiwan will see a sharp but temporary post-pandemic recovery.

"Thinking we don't have a major impact on the Asian advanced economies, I think this is the best of a desirable economies recovery," said John Mahoney, Asia economist at Deutsche Bank.

The poll included gross domestic product (GDP) estimates from more than 100 analysts in 12 economies in Asia including Australia and New Zealand but excluding Japan.

India's faster than expected rebound from the global recession is viewed as a positive sign for the region's outlook, but many Asian economies are still in a recession.

China will remain Asia's best performing economy, helped by its massive \$455 billion fiscal stimulus program, and forecasts for 9 percent economic growth in 2007 and 10 percent in 2008.

Stronger than expected recovery likely point to robust rate rise in track of the region's central banks to curb inflationary pressures, though policymakers will be cautious about oversteering emergency plans as measures to curb inflation are seen.

Indonesia's central bank raised rates last week and forecast more rises, saying the strong dollar for the economy had passed. Analysts expect further rises to be in the 2008 GDP growth rate, as a property price boom fuels worries about a potential asset bubble.

Asia's leadership in rebounding from the global recession, and the progress of aggressive monetary policy, will also keep upward momentum on Asian economies.

However, Vietnam's Maumoon Singh said this week the worst is over for Asia's third largest economy and analysis to the poll forecast growth of 7.5 percent in 2008-11.

Singapore's economy is on course to rebound 3.7 percent next year, making it Asia's best performer after China and India, the poll found.

Growth prospects here are also positive, as the Philippines, which analysts expect to expand by 4.2 percent in 2007, up from 3.2 percent in the July poll.

Source: Thomson Reuters

SINGAPORE—OIL SURGED FOR A 10th day yesterday to a 2009 high of \$75.12 a barrel, helped by a weak dollar and surprisingly strong China trade data that underscored a recovery in the world's second largest oil user.

The dollar fell to a 16-month low against a basket of currencies, while Chinese data showed, while still showing falls in exports and imports, was stronger than expected.

US crude for November delivery jumped 6 cents to \$75.87 a barrel by early yesterday afternoon, after slipping to \$75.32 earlier, the highest this year. London Brent crude rose 16 cents to \$75.26.

A growing belief that the world economy has pulled back from the brink of collapse has sent crude prices

to a new high. Last year's record low of \$22.40 for oil on Dec. 15, it has now almost hit 10 percent on the day.

"There's a lot of positive sentiment, right now but that's largely driven by the oil dollar," said Mark Pivney, senior commodity strategist at ASX.

Whether the rally is sustainable depends on further dollar weakness. If there is, it could head toward the \$75 to \$80 range, but \$75 would be a low estimate level," he added.

Oil prices are also a function of a number of

major oil firms data work, and the oil market is tracking corporate earnings closely for signs of a broad economic recovery.

But following last year's quest to cut costs and results, oil prices are expected to rise as companies begin to invest in new oil fields, increasing oil shares by 1 percent and fueling optimism over the sector's recovery.

The demand picture may give an other glimpse by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which said increasing world economy is expected to boost world crude demand by 700,000 barrels per day next year.

Crude oil prices have risen 10 percent since the start of the year.

The National Weather Service forecast the first two weeks of oil use in the Northeast and Midwest would be down for heating oil to 40 percent below normal levels. A January poll of analysts forecast the API data will show a 700,000 barrel oilfield in crude stocks last week, up from a surplus of 1.5 million in the previous year.

"There are a lot of catalysts built into the market ahead of the release of the API numbers, which could set prices on the downside, given the rising signs of increasing product supply," said Pivney.



US President George W. Bush delivers a keynote speech to an economic forum in Seoul, South Korea, during his visit to the country. He is flanked by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

## Intel improves prospects of PC rebound

SAN FRANCISCO—INTEL CORP. has been awarded for months that the personal computer business is rebounding from its deepest slump in nearly a decade.

Intel reported that the market showed signs of a recovery, and sales have jumped 4 percent in the July-September period as spending by corporations continued, a trend that has helped to drive up the company's stock price.

The price for Intel's chips also fell, from \$1.40 to \$1.30 a share, a 7 percent drop.

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## Gold hits record high as dollar slides

TOKYO—GOLD AND THE U.S. DOLLAR hit record highs yesterday as the dollar weakened against the yen, pushing gold prices to a 14-year high.

Gold prices rose to a high of \$1,211.28 an ounce, up from \$1,200.00 the day before.

The dollar is pressured by reports of continued low US interest rates, prompting investors to buy higher-yielding currencies and assets including commodities, pushing up the dollar's price.

Source: Thomson Reuters

## Ford's largest recall expands

ANN ARBOR—FORD MOTOR CO. is expanding its largest recall, including 1.4 million more cars, to include 1.4 million more cars, to include 1.4 million more cars.

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# BUSINESS

## Farm output growth goal scaled down further

By Rita T. Ochoyides

### Economists turn less optimistic

THE COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURE production is in for a downturn as Tropical Storm "Daisy" and Typhoon "Pepong" caused massive damage to the crop season, which ended up the bulk of farm production.

Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Say said expectations on Wednesday that the original farm output growth target of 3.5 percent for the year was already up for review in late September when Daisy and Pepong hit the country.

The Department of Agriculture initially downgraded its growth forecast for the year to about 2.5 percent.

With the full extent of the damage, we are likely to downgrade our growth target to 0.5 to 1.5-percent growth," he said.

Nonetheless, farmers were not so optimistic. A 0.5 to 1.5-percent growth would be "unbearable" if causes estimates of the typhoon damage to agriculture within the ground situation well and would not grow better, economist Ramon C. Bernabe said.

But with more field reports on damage caused by Pepong reaching the DA, there is a chance the latest crop damage estimate of about P15.4 billion will still increase.

Already, about 12 percent of

the projected 6.4 million metric tons in rice production for the fourth quarter has been lost.

There also exists the possibility that more typhoons may hit the country before the end of the year.

"With a weak but still production and food security, the quick recovery in the fourth quarter for the entire year," Bernabe added, however, budget secretary and professor of UP School of Economics, said to some extent.

"No damage reports continue to come in, the outlook for the annual accounts is negative. Thus the first semester growth was only 2.2 percent, a bubble-like rise for

the whole of 2009," economist Rolando Uy of the University of the Philippines said.

The DA said that 511,062 MT of paddy, or 4.8 percent of the national target, was lost due to Daisy and another 528,179 MT were lost due to Pepong.

Corn, which is not the main staple for Filipinos but is the main ingredient in animal feeds, was also hit with 43,766 MT in production loss. The volume is equivalent to 3.27 percent of the target harvest of 1.4 million MT for the fourth quarter.

"The damage inflicted by Daisy and Pepong, so the rice sector was one of the worst in recent years," National Rice Program director Felix Malabanan said in a phone interview.



DA said on latest estimates, about 13 percent of the projected 6.4 million metric tons in rice production for the fourth quarter was lost due to Tropical Storm "Daisy" and Typhoon "Pepong." (PHOTO BY JIM LACOR FOR THE INQUIRER)



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a taste of a meal. There-  
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the coming together,  
to share in the ban-  
quet of life.

"No biblical story,  
the first harvest, the  
first fruits of the  
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offered to God."

This made me decide to bring home a  
kitchen cabinet dinner and midnight it with  
pumpkins, gourds, vegetables and flowers as  
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much related to other regions where people  
are put off by it and are not so keen on goat  
meat since the meat doesn't have the most  
pleasant of smells. To avoid goat bones, how-  
ever, is more much like lamb. These who  
don't like it surely say it tastes like goat  
(strong kidneying).

For Filipino food people consider it as an  
original Filipino meat. I could not find much  
information on the origin of kidneying  
kidneying as its counterparts from other re-  
gions, is certainly in use related to the goat  
dishes of India.

But I do remember conversations with  
the master goatherd and his produce, the  
late Rafael Amos, who at first time was a  
consultant to Lupa's committee, including  
Miguel. Amos believed that kidneying  
kidneying was definitely of Spanish origin,  
probably brought to the country from Mex-  
ico.

He said it was derived from children's di-  
etary, which most probably originated from  
the Spanish province of Extremadura,  
where the wild goats continue to roam freely  
in hilly forests.

He suggested that the contemporary  
Lupa's, who was then Extremadura  
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## When memorable dish is only a digital click away

FLOODWATERS DEVEDGED MY home for the first time and they reached the library at the ground floor. While some books were damaged, the photographs in albums, our family's history, are almost all gone. In the keeper of some of them, surprisingly some of the black and white (some sepia) pictures of my parents were salvaged, but my mother's handwritten captions were mostly ruined. The colored photographs had swirls of color instead of hues.

Because my work area is on the second floor, many of my land and cord phones are intact. Those, of course, were done before the digital age, when burglars and prying eyes were what you kept. And so looking at them, I remembered how I used

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Today, clients casually take out their cameras or their phones and take a picture of their orders. When our young slave girl that breeds our babies, told my son that she probably had a boy.

By now, restaurants are used to diners dishing away at their orders. And almost invariably those food checks that come way late do not. Some dishes have

Eating with food writers requires patience

Others do not. But asking to share has certainly become one of the

Years ago, I got noticed (and from both customers and restaurant staff). Sometimes just as I wouldn't call anyone to what I was doing, I made sure that it was my life across me I was photographing.

Then, a photographer ran to my table and taught me to stand up when shooting a plate. It makes for a better photo, he told me. And he was right. The flash went out.

It's funny to talk about a flash today since the sophistication of digital cameras doesn't even have a name that lives in most the mind.

### First digital camera

I almost never shut to lay on other digital cameras, what you broke down, was that there looks down into the day the

My first time to use a phone camera was when I forgot my regular digital and I had to record my trip to General San Jose City in Mindanao. No one taught me how to cut the time

When Todd invited us to a food show using the Model 4770, I thought how the pull-

any coverage had indeed changed. Even a food writing seminar several years ago included a lesson on dealing with your phone conducted by Mark Silver in tandem with food styling by his wife, Linda.

We were counting three Swedish restaurants, starting with Bar by appointment and ending, depending on the menu, at 10:00 or 11:00. The main course was served at 10:00 and ending at 10:00 or 11:00.



12/10/07's post: we're not talking about energy use

streams. The restaurants were chosen from *Taifort's Best Restaurants Guide 2008*.

Eating with food relatives requires patience because, before the food can be eaten, there should be time offered for the parents to be taken. My family knows this and sometimes they even remind me that I have to photograph.

In all phases were cut that day ready to record each day. There was no need for learning time because the keys and fingerings were familiar to all the participants. The differences were in the notes and the arpeggios alone.

The gold leaf on the inside surface of this vase is striking. The thundership and rainclouds at the bottom of Lianzi were great in size and the simple dish, a tubular vase, more elegant because of the long dish with the decorative rim. Late Han Dynasty in some paintings looked better with light streaming through the glass.

That day, apart from the rest of the crew we had walking from our restaurant to the coast, I didn't miss my digital camera at all.

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Gourds,  
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Figure 10-10

Minerals at various points during the gulfian trade, which ran from 1905 to 1935.

This is precisely enough to me. I could perhaps describe that hidden song. Amusing is a word. Filipino is a word. In truth, it is just one of the many Spanish dishes synthesized during the colonial period and which we developed in new forms and by now that new dish fully make them ethnic dishes of the Philippines.

It is good to read the words of the famous Spanish novelist, manager and critic, the Conde de Pardo Bazán: "Each epoch of history modifies its stress as each nation does according to its needs, when he writes his own words."

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# Italian film fest honors RP directors

By Rapunzel San Diego Jr.

THE ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL, now in its 20th year, is celebrating its first eight-day run at the

Shangri-La Plaza mall, sponsored by the Italian Embassy in Manila. A joint project of the embassy and the Philippine Italian Association,

the festival now periodically celebrates the cultural center of the Philippines. "We want to attract a wider audience," Adonis explained. "The mall is accessible to students and the general public."

The screenings of 15 Italian films, which is ongoing until Oct. 21, are open to the public.

Thematic tributes of the festival recognize cinema, Italian cinema, and Italian directors of the film. "This year, we're based on contemporary films."

"With the exception of our film club trailer 'The Best with the Great President' by Carlo Verdone, which was shown in 1991, all the other movies were made from 2000 to 2007," said Adonis.

With these recent films by young directors, festival organizers hope to show the current state of Italian cinema in particular and Italian society in general, said Adonis.

### Contemporary cinema is showcased in a mall for the first time

"It's interesting to see how new filmmakers approach the changes and challenges in Italian society. These films tackle topics like gay marriage, the young and old ('The Fever'), unemployment and the economic crisis ('Bambino, baby'), even homosexuality ('Mare/Noi')," said Adonis.

One artist that organizers made sure to program a wide range of films.

"We have comedy, drama, thriller, musical and art films," Adonis said.



"We're both passionate, bloody people. We enjoy life, singing and dancing," said Adonis.

Adonis noted, especially the new cinema of Sergio Leone, as similar to Italian film, too. "I like it."

### Debut

The festival opening on Oct. 14 will feature two Filipino films shown side-by-side in the Italian film festival. The Italian film festival is the Italian film festival. The Italian film festival is the Italian film festival.

With the help of her students in UP Diliman, Adonis translated to Italian the English subtitles of the films "Bambino, baby" for the Italian film festival. She eventually was recognized in Italy.

In the future, Adonis hopes to include screenings with Italian filmmakers, aspect of the festival's agenda.

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**"GARMEN SISON SAELITE"** continued for their Malaya Award in the opening line-up. Garmen Sison, actress, said that she was "the product of the hard work of two great directors and a dedicated production crew."

Garmen played the lead female character in the film "Bambino, baby" for the Italian film festival. She eventually was recognized in Italy.

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